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Government aware that Prohibition Act is working very well in Malabar without large infringement of the provisions of the law? Will the Government, therefore, resonsider their orders and permit tapping and sale of neera?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, they have abused the licences that were given to them and therefore the District Superintendent of Police and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies thought it fit not to encourage the tapping and sale of neera by giving further licences to the people of Malabar.

Withdrawal of recognition of Municipal Teachers' Union, Cannanore.

* 2861 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that recognition given to the Municipal Teachers' Union, Cannanore, was withdrawn by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Recognition by Government of Teachers' Unions has been held unnecessary. Hence the order of Government in the matter was cancelled. The unions can now function without Government recognition.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. Minister kindly inform whether Government Order No. 416, dated 25th February 1939, is not in operation now? This Government Order prohibits any teacher joining a union which has not the recognition of the Director of Public Instruction.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That Government Order was held invalid by the High Court. It is not in operation now.

Stock of foodgrains.

* 2862 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stock of foodgrains held by the Government in the State as a whole and by the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar at the end of June 1955;

(*b*) whether any stock was disposed of during the period from March to June 1955; and

(*c*) whether Government suffered any loss in the transaction?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) There was a total stock of 8,681·4 tons in terms of rice held by the Government in the State as a whole at the end of June 1955.